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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1878.

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H. H. NELSON,
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Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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RECENTLY ARRIVED,

FOR SALE,

TEYSSONNEAU'S FINE FRENCH STRAWBERRIES.

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FRENCH JAMS AND JELLIES.

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Very Fine BOURBON WHISKY.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in BOTTLES of ONE POUND.

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ROTH'S BEST RUSSIAN ROPE, and FINE LINES, Assorted Sizes.

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Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

Intimations.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

NOTICE.

I ANE, CRAWFORD & CO., beg to notify that they have made such Arrangements in connection with their TAILORING DEPARTMENT, that they are now able to Guarantee the PROMPT Execution of Orders.

The Following GOODS Suitable for the present Season have just been received, from which an early Selection is requested.

THIN BLACK SUPERFINE, for Dress Suits.

FANCY BLACK and BLUE CASHMERE, MELTONS, &c., for Morning Suits.

HOME SPUN, FRIEZE, BEAVER, &c., for Ulsters.

SUPERFINE BEAVER, &c., for Light Overcoats.

HOME SPUN TWEEDEs and ANGOLA, for Summer Suits and Trowsers.

EXTRA THIN TWEEDEs and ANGOLA, for Summer Suits and Trowsers.

BLACK, BLUE, and COLOURED SERGES, for Riding Trousers.

CORDS, STOCKINETTES and CASSIMERES, for Stockings.

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BULLOCK LANE'S SPECIAL BLEND WHISKY.—

" S. B. H." The Finest OLD WHISKY, ever imported.

IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

Extra Fine ISIGNY BUTTER.

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SILVER LAMPS for Kerosine, in large assortment.

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LADIES' GARDEN TOOLS.

VEGETABLE and FLOWER SEEDS.

GORE'S GOLDEN CLOUD TOBACCO.

Very Fine FRESH APPLES, for Box or per Dozen.

BASS'S DRAUGHT ALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, September 8, 1878.

HONGKONG RACE FUND.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

N O T I C E is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SUBSCRIBERS to the HONGKONG RACE FUND will be Held at the Club, on THURSDAY, the 3rd October, 1878, at 6 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the Year 1877, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1878.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. W. SAUNDERS,
Lieut., R.A.,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878. oc8

MOORE & CO.,
" VARIETY STORE,"
NEWS AGENTS AND TOBACCONISTS.

No. 42, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

AFONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
by appointment to
H. E. Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, H. E. Ad-
miral ALFRED P. RYDER, and to H. I. H.
The GRAND DUKE ALEXIS of RUSSIA.

THE Spacious Premises being built espe-
cially for the production of Portraiture
and fitted up so as to command the best
light throughout all the Hours of the Day
is Open from 8 o'clock a.m. until 5 o'clock
p.m., under the personal Management of
D. K. Griffith, who has introduced all the
latest novelties.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. nol

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR
1877.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Com-
pany are requested to furnish the
Undersigned with a List of their Contribu-
tions for the year ending 31st December
last, in order that the proportion of the Net
Profits to be reserved for Contributors may be
arranged. Returns not rendered prior to
the 31st October next will be adjusted

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR HENRI VINAY has been Appointed AGENT for the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS, at Hongkong. Mr ERNEST SCHAVEBLIN will have power to act at the same place in Mr VINAY's absence.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager,
COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS,
SHANGHAI
Shanghai, September 6, 1878.

WITH Reference to the above, I have This Day OPENED the Agency of the COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS, at the Office of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.

H. VINAY,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 12, 1878. ocl2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. del3

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned having This Day PURCHASED the STOCK-IN-TRADE, Books, Debts and Goodwill of the CHINA DISPENSARY hitherto Carried on by Mr W. BALL, will conduct and carry on the said Business in connection with the VICTORIA DISPENSARY on his own Account from This Date.

WM. CRUCKSHANK

Hongkong, August 31, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned, HOP YEK & Co. of HOWARD'S Godown, No. 289, Shek Tong Tsui, beg to notify that the said Company is not nor will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by any of the Firm's employees or Partners. Also, no Debt, if any, can be deducted from the Rent Payable to the said Company. The Company is only Responsible for those Accounts, which are Confirmed and Signed by Mr CHU WING OR himself, of the Kung Yip shop, Wing Lok Street.

HOP YEK & Co.

Hongkong, September 18, 1878. ocl3

Intimations.

Volume Seventh of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.

No. 1.—Vol. VII.
—ON THE

CHINA REVIEW
CONTAINS—

The Chinese in Borneo.
Jottings from the Book of Rites.
The Character 𠂔 or 𠂔.

On the Use of the Character Fan.
Brief Sketches from the Life of Kung-ming.

The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung.
Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.

The Ballads of the Shi-king.
Translations of Chinese School-books.

Perkin Warbeck in China.
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

Notes and Queries:—
Dutch Doctors in Borneo.
The Giraffe and the Kili-ka.

On the Syllabic Spelling.
Locus Operandi in Flogging.

Early Frost in Canton, in 1877-8.

A Chinese Coin.

Annamese Sovereigns.
Chinese Bank-notes.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, Sept. 10, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

STRATEBORN, British barque, Captain Wm. Anderson.—M. M. Co.

LORNE, British steamer, Captain Wm. McCulloch.—McLennan & Co.

PARASOL, French barque, Captain J. Pasc.—Kong Kee.

MIRY-BOY, British ship, Captain James M. Lennox.—Oliphant & Co.

BREUNETTE, British barque, Captain W. Dow.—R. Stevens & Co.

HAMBURG, German barque, Captain H. von Kroge.—Eduard Scheibach & Co.

MELBOURNE, American ship, Captain D. Plumer.—Order.

IMPERATRICE ELISABETH, Austrian ship, Capt. Hreigh.—D. Muuso & Co.

INDIA, American ship, Capt. O. Patten.—Order.

DON QUIXOTE, American ship, Captain Cha. F. King.—Messageries Maritimes.

FUGITIVE, British barque, Captain Wm. Armstrong.—O. & S. E. Co.

Not Responsible for Debts of Crew:—

HERA, British ship, Captain Ober.

Robertson.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SAILOR'S HOME.

ANY Cast-off CLOTHING, Books, &c. PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Seller's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

To-morrow Evening,
(WEDNESDAY), September 25th, 1878.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE AND IN THE IMMEDIATE PRESENCE
OF

H. E. THE GOVERNOR,
MRS. HENNESSY,
AND SUITE.

THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
AND
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Will Repeat

(By General Desire)

OPENBACH'S WORLD-REKNOWNED COMIC

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"THE GRAND DUCHESS

OF

GEROLSTEIN."

In Three Acts and One Tableau.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

GRAND DUCHESS, Miss ELOIA MAY.

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Baron Puck, Mr. F. HAGEMANN.

Baron Grog, Mr. G. ADAMS.

General Boom, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.

Nepomuk (an Aide) Mr. ELSCOMBE.

de-Camp), Mr. H. VERNON.

Private Fritz, Miss CLARA STANLEY.

Wanda (a Peasant Girl), Miss CLARA STANLEY.

Soldiers, &c.

During the Evening Miss AGNES DRANGA

will perform

NEW VIOLIN SOLO.

MUSICAL CONDUCTOR, Mr PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole

direction of

M. H. VERNON.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at

Messrs KUTZER & Co.'s, where a Plan of the

Theatre may be seen.

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Stalls, TWO DOLLARS.

Pit, ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen

cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, September 24, 1878. ocl3

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FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH
Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES,
with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

Apply to

D. NOWROOZEE,

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878. tf

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A CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I.
and II., A to M, with Introduction, Royal
8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EYRE,
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Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS

AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MEERS
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

FRIDAY,

the 27th September, 1878, at 2 p.m., at

his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road.

An Invoice of CHINESE and
JAPANESE WARE, &c., comprising:

Porcelain Vases, Bronzes, Ornaments,

Porcelain Dishes and Jars, Tortoise-shell

Ware, Lacquered Cabinets and Boxes,

Fans, Trays, &c.

Crape Shawls, Scarves and Handker-

chiefs, Embroidered Caps, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, September 24, 1878. ocl3

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

MONDAY,

the 30th of September, 1878, at Noon,

on the Premises, by Order of the Mort-

gages, under a Power of Sale contained

in the Deed of Mortgage, all that

PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND,

with the HOUSES built thereon, situate

in Jardine's Bay, and Registered in

the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 308.

For further particulars, apply to the

Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the pur-

chase money to be paid on the fall of the

hammer, and the Balance on comple-

tion of the Deeds of Transfer. All expen-

ses of Transfer to be paid by the Purchaser.

Property to be at the risk of the Pur-

chaser from the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, September 24, 1878. ocl3

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"NAMOA"

Capt. WEIRTON, will be de-

patched for the above Ports on

THURSDAY, the 26th Instant, at Day-

light, instead of as previously ad-

vertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFAIR & Co.

Hongkong, September 24, 1878. ocl2

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following

unprofessional thinking quite the thing for such an exposed position. The work is being so carried out that the authorities would do well to make a careful inspection.

We are glad to learn that H. E. the Governor has so far taken notice of the comments made by the Coroner's Jury at the inquest last Thursday on the body of a poor woman, who was killed by the falling of a stone from the hill side above Kennedy Road, as to award her relatives, who are very poor, the sum of \$30, to enable them to defray funeral and other expenses consequent upon the unfortunate accident.

We understand that Mr. Kwok Acheong's son is being moved about in a most unaccountable manner. He was for 12 or 13 days at Hol Quan; then was sent to Nam Ho, next back again to Hol Quan, where he remained for a day or two, and by latest advice he is again at Nam Ho. What can these "shifts" mean?

Another thing has been remarked in connection with this affair, viz., How comes it that Mr. Acheong's son is allowed as the registered owner of steamers to fly the British flag, always supposing him to be other than a British subject? This is clearly laid down in the local Ordinances, which specially make provision for certain Chinese, using the British flag, and for such purposes enjoying the privileges of a British subject.

The cases at the Police Court to-day were of very little interest to our readers. There was one case of attempted larceny of some bank notes from a European seaman, which was dealt with by both Magistrates. The accused being an old offender, was sent to two years' hard labour, the heaviest sentence Magistrates have power to inflict. Another case of larceny from a European was one in which an officer belonging to the Chinese Revenue Cruiser *Feng Choo Kai* was robbed of his watch by a chair-coolie. The watch was found in the coolie's possession by the Police. He proved to be an old offender, and was sent to six months' hard labour, and was ordered to be brought up again, at the expiration of his sentence, and find security to be of good behaviour for twelve months, failing which he will be recommended as a fit person for deportation. His companion was ordered to find two sureties in \$10 each to be of good behaviour for six months.

PRIVATE telegrams are in town, which state that the political situation in Europe is threatening concerning Kabul. It was patent to all that the last move of Russia towards our Indian frontier would intensely excite the English people; and if anything would ever unite political parties at home in a common purpose, the covert action of Russia and her attempt to interfere with our hold upon India would do so. Many persons are of opinion that the Bear will never be brought to reason, except by force of arms; and though we cannot but hope that Lord Beaconsfield will be uncompromising in his resolve to protect India at all hazards, where she is likely to be attacked, it is much to be desired that war may not arise out of the mere trickery of an unprincipled and petty Asian chief. The message, however, taken with others which have preceded it, is not reassuring news.

The following items are from the N. C. D. News:—

A "secular prediction" is creating some anxiety in the native mind in the North. It is to the effect that in two years' time the present Emperor will die, that then a powerful subject will usurp the supreme power and sit on the Throne for six months. At the end of this period the foreigners will be driven out, but what is to follow their expulsion, the prophet does not tell us.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. C. R. Thatcher, who was well known in Europe, Australia, and North China, as an untiring and discriminating traveller and collector of curios. The deceased only landed in Shanghai on Wednesday last, after an absence of a year and a half, apparently in the best of health, and was warmly welcomed by a large circle of friends. He was a man of considerable literary attainments, and possessed remarkable skill in rhyming. His genial, kindly disposition won him many friends, and his funeral yesterday (Sept. 17th) was numerously attended.

Police Intelligence.
24th September 1878.
(Both Magistrates Sitting.)

CASES.

Chung Asan, a hawker and old offender, was sent to two years' hard labour for pocketing the pocket of a seaman named Christopher Applegate, and endeavouring to steal from him some bank notes.

TODAY'S FINES.
Wong Ato, hawking traps in the public streets contrary to Market Ordinance, fined 25 cents.

Cheung Ato, a chair-coolie, assaulting Cheung Ato, a coolie. Fine \$2.

Leung Ato, fisherman; unlawful possession of one bucket and one basket. Fine \$2.

Chan Ato, and four others, fighting. Ordered to find security in \$10 each to be of good behaviour for 6 months.

Leung Ato, the wife of Lam Ato, assault. Ordered to find security in \$10 to be of good behaviour for three months.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor Mr Justice Russell.)

24th September, 1878.

Yip Kut Shun, and another, v. Chan U-ka and others, \$350; Chan U-ka and others v. Yip Kut Shun and another, \$300.11. There were cross-actions arising out of a transaction in tea. The plaintiff in the first case claimed to recover a sum of \$10, 210 and \$50 bargain money, paid on account of a quantity of tea which they had agreed to purchase, but which they now refused to accept on the grounds of its not being in accordance with sample. They further sought to recover \$60 for breach of contract. Chan U-ka and others, on the other hand, denied that the tea was other than that agreed to be sold, but admitted that it was not the same as the samples produced. This they accounted for by saying that the samples were false and not the same as they had supplied. They called evidence to prove this, and said they were still prepared to deliver the tea, and claimed the sum of \$300.11, being balance of amount due.

This case has been before the Court for some time, and His Lordship to-day delivered judgment in favor of Chan U-ka for the amount claimed (\$300.11), with costs.

Mr Ng Achoy appeared for Chan U-ka, and Mr Dennis for Yip Kut Shun.

SUITS v. BARROW. \$10.—Plaintiff is the proprietor of the Oriental Dispensary, Stanley Street, and defendant is an assistant at Messrs Sayle & Co.'s Queen's Road Central. Plaintiff claim \$10, being balance of amount due for drugs etc. supplied. Defendant did not appear, and judgment went by default.

HUMPHREYS v. DE LILLE. \$63.08.—Plaintiff is the proprietor of the Hongkong Dispensary, and defendant was a member of the Royal English Opera Company. Mr. Maynard appeared to prove the debt, which was for drugs etc. supplied; part of it being an old debt and part contracted recently. Defendant did not appear, being absent at Whampoa, and service of summons having been proved, judgment went by default.

THEVENIN v. DE LILLE. \$42.25.—This was a claim against the same defendant as in the previous case. Plaintiff is a wine and spirit merchant carrying on business in the Queen's Road Central. The claim was for goods supplied, and service of summons having been proved, judgment went by default.

China.

AMOK.

(Gazette.)

There has been a serious clan fight in the Tung-wa district, with several killed and many wounded on both sides. The Magistrate of the district hurried to the spot to soothe the angry passions of the combatants and restore peace; but receiving a blow on the head from a well-directed brickbat, hurried off again with his retinue in an opposite direction.

A very sensible shock of earthquake oscillating from the North occurred last evening (Sept. 18th), about 16.45, and it was felt both here and in Koolangau.

The barometer continues to fall and may now (Sept. 19th) be called 29.50, which is as low a glass as is often experienced in Amoy.

The German barque *Ost Wilhelm* anchored yesterday (Sept. 18th) at the Telegraph station about one mile from Kulangsu. When the anchor was being lifted at 4 p.m. previous to the barque going into the harbor it was found that the anchor had grappled the Telegraph cable. By great efforts from the officers and crew, the cable was lifted to the surface of the water, a rope slipped round it, the anchor cleared and the cable again dropped unbent into the sea. Yesterday morning it was discovered by the Telegraph officers that the cable had been subjected to a serious strain and it was found necessary to make some certain arrangements in order to relieve it. We understand that the Captain of the *Ost Wilhelm* courteously offered to assist with the necessary ropes and tackles and that no ill effects are anticipated to result from this accident.

It appears that a typhoon was raging in the vicinity of Shanghai yesterday afternoon (Sept. 19th), which fact accounts for the depression in the barometer here. The glass is fast rising again.

Last Freight Settlements.—*Alexander*, 10,000 piculs, Newchwang and back, 80 lay days, 25 cents per picul.

Henry Iben, 6,600 piculs, from Takao to Yokohama and back to Amoy, 26 lay days, \$1.50.

Oceanus, 5,200 piculs, from Takao to Yokohama, private terms.

Peter, 6,200 piculs, hence to Tientsin and back, via Newchwang, 80 lay days, \$2.70.

Koror, 3,000 piculs, from Newchwang to Amoy, 25 lay days, 25 cents per picul.

Oto, 5,200 piculs, Foochow to Newchwang and back Amoy, 26 lay days, \$1.50.

Empress, 10,000 piculs, Newchwang and back, (21st Oct. to commence) 80 lay days, \$2.50.

Harmonie, 5,000 piculs, Foochow to Newchwang and back Amoy, 25 lay days, \$1.60; or Foochow direct Amoy, 20 lay days, \$1.50.

E. Beaufort, 7,800 piculs, monthly charter 3 months, at \$500, and further 4 to 7 months at \$925, Foochow commencing.

Maid Marian, 5,000 piculs, Bago to Amoy, 18 cents; or if Yokohama Amoy, 20 lay days, 19 cents.

August, 7,000 piculs, to Newchwang and back Foochow, 25 cents; or Amoy, 25 lay days, 25 cents, (21st Oct. commencing).

Candace, 8,200 piculs, Newchwang to Amoy, 26 lay days, \$1.60.

Thorkild, 4,000 piculs, Newchwang Amoy, (21st Oct. commencing) 25 lay days, \$1.60.

August, 7,000 piculs, to Newchwang and back, 25 lay days, 25 cents per picul.

WAGAUL.

18th September 1878.

A very heavy thunder-storm passed over here on the 18th instant. Two chair-coolies carrying a chair were struck down by the lightning and seriously wounded.

Sickness is still prevailing here, and a great many animals and poultry die from the heat every day. It is curious to see them jumping into the air and falling down dead.

The Taiping Tacht arrived in Keeling on the 1st instant and it is presumed that he intends to stay there for some time.

The Chinese gun-boat *Tsui Yuen* left this

port on the 8th instant with troops for the East coast, and more reinforcements are to be sent thither. It is said that they have been fighting very hard and that the commander was wounded.

The Chinese gun-boat *Ching Wei* left for the same place with 200 casks of gunpowder.

We have at present very heavy rain and a flood in the river, wood and trees are floating out to sea. The *Hai Loong* is just leaving the port.

4th September.

The departure of the *Hai Loong* was postponed until to-day in consequence of the heavy rain and freshet. She had to keep up steaming for the last three days.

We have had at the average 6 inches in 24 hours.

The heavy rain will be of great benefit to the Island, as it required a good cleaning out.

The German vessel *China and Diana*, hourly expected here, has not yet arrived.

—*Agay Gazette.*

(News.)

It was rumoured yesterday (Sep. 16th) that Mr Tong-king-sing's connection with the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company had permanently ceased, and that Mo, the present Cheahien of Shanghai, had been selected to take charge of the management, but some difficulty existed as to his taking over the seafarers.

The Municipal Council at their meeting held on the 9th inst. granted leave of absence to Dr Henderson, and appointed Dr Macleod to sit in his place as Health Officer and Municipal surgeon and Dr Zacharie as surgeon of the Lock Hospital.

(Courier.)

Mr Grewer, chief officer of the C. M. Co.'s steamer *Lee-yuen*, died suddenly this morning (Sep. 18th). All the Company's steamers in port have had their flags half-mast.

We learn from reliable sources that the rumour stating that Mr. Tong-king-Sing is no longer connected with the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, is entirely groundless. The fact is, that the late Chu Taotai who was one of the Managers of the Company, and who was also the Tribune Vice-Commissioner at Tientsin, died on the 1st June last, and Yih Taotai, the ex-Magistrate of Shanghai, and not Mo, the present incumbent, as stated by our morning contemporary, has been appointed to fill the post of Manager of the Company and Tribune Vice-Commissioner. Yih Taotai entered on his duties nearly a month ago. The statement regarding a difficulty with the accounts is equally without foundation.

(Ningpo.)

Sept. 16th.

Our correspondent writes that, so far, no fresh developments in the Ningpo *letkin* question have occurred. An old and decrepit official called Liang, formerly acting Taotai here, has been sent to this city with instructions from the Governor to take certain action. What it is difficult to ascertain, as he is very recidivist. It is very generally supposed, however, that he intends to re-establish the *letkin* offices that have been pulled down, and place the duties on the old seals, reversing in fact the Taotai's decision, and restoring the imposts against which the people struck. It remains to be seen whether he will be able to do so, and if he does, whether the Fung-hwa men will submit tamely. Five hundred troops have passed through Ningpo on their way to T'ai-chow, the scene of still more recent riots.

Another correspondent, also writing on the 16th instant, says there seems to be a most ominous silence here as to *letkin*. The officials threaten to open the stations again, and the Fung-hwa and neighbouring men are equally determined to resist any attempts to do so, and openly say the next time they are compelled to come down, it will be a very serious affair for Ningpo. It is most desirable for the welfare of the place that the officials will leave well alone. To attempt to re-establish the *letkin* stations would be a most imprudent move on their part.

There are various rumours about the Futsai. He is said to be in Ningpo, but if so, he must have come in very quietly, for it is not generally known that he is here. One runs that he is, that he is ordering soldiers to guard the *letkin* stations when reopened, and that he intends to carry out by force the *letkin* levies as they were before being remonstrated against by the people. Experience teaches us what such a movement would result in. We are by no means quiet here. Far from it. Trade, everything, is in a most unsettled state, and will continue so unless the officials can be made to take their "legal" pickings only, and leave the exactation of the illegal tax called *letkin* alone. Campo is swarming with *letkin* people, and trade, even in this little spot, is almost at a standstill. We are but a little better off than we were a fortnight ago, so far as security of peace is concerned. We know not from hour to hour when the impending storm will burst—but we do know that the people in our surrounding neighbourhood are to a man determined to resist the re-imposition of *letkin*, and if soldiers are brought against them to force the re-imposition of the tax, there will be still more serious trouble—so serious in fact that residents do not like to anticipate it.

Men have a coldness about them now, which shows that the people are coolly calculating and thinking before they take the final step; but when once taken, 10,000 of the Futsai's soldiers will not put down the rising. It is very evident the people mean to defend their rights, and *letkin* must go to the wall. It cannot write more fully now, because I am waiting for a further development of the Futsai's plans. Since talking the above, I hear that the Futsai talks about reopening the *letkin* stations on the 18th or 19th. If he does, the fun will then begin—it will be the last straw. I will keep you informed as to what goes on.—N. C. D.

(London.)

Sept. 16th, 1878.

We are now in the "season morte"; nearly all our diplomats have left us, and we were for a few days in a veritable provincial state; our interests—by which I mean all the foreign interests—having been under the guardianship of Chargé d'affaires. But indications of the approaching "business season" have begun to manifest themselves. The indefatigable Don Espana, the Minister for Spain, has returned from his "broiling" trip to Siam, with, I hear, costly presents from the King of that country for the young bride, H. M. Queen Victoria, who is no longer among the living. Of course, he also brought with him the "Chitraloison Ice Class"—the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Siamese Order. He anxiously awaits the arrival of the revised instruments of the

Calcutta Convention, and will go after the exchange of ratifications, on a wall.

"Le chevalier sans peur et sans reproche," during the winter, when our life—he it gay or busy—bournishes here.

Viscount Bremier has returned from his trip to Chefoo and Shanghai, where he distributed the long pending indemnity connected with your "Mingpo-Tessu Affairs." Even his colleagues were greatly surprised at the final settlement of this question, and I can assure you that his success was entirely owing to his happy temper. I should presume that many of your co-residents in the French settlement of Shanghai were also pleased with the results, which, in this instance, were of an unusually satisfactory character.

We have a new arrival here in the Peruvian Minister, Don Elmore, whose diplomatic task is a most difficult one. The "Persian" affair is sufficiently well known to foreign residents in China. On whose side right is it, is very difficult now to decide; suffice it to say, that Dr. Elmore tried on his way up to settle the question directed with Li Hung-chang in Tientsin, who was one of the Chinese plenipotentiaries that negotiated the Peruvian Treaty. Direct negotiations with Li Hung-chang would, no doubt, have been the most effective and practical way, but that functionary referred the Minister to Peking; and so Dr. Elmore will have to settle with the Tsing-ti-Yamen in what sense the word "Emigration" in the Peruvian Treaty is to be taken—"voluntary," as he interprets it, or "free," as the Chinese determine it. Meanwhile the Peruvians have sailed from Hongkong for Pern without oocies, and perhaps another steamer of the Peruvian Chinese Line will leave also without any; but the end will be that during the winter a *nozze* event in this question will be found between Dr. Elmore and the Tsing-ti-Yamen, by which some kind of emigration of Chinese to Peru will be permitted. Dr. Elmore will, perhaps, find some, though unwilling, support in Don Espana, owing to the present position of political affairs between Spain and Peru; but the interests of those two countries in China are nearly identical, and what has happened to-day to the one might happen to-morrow to the other.

But will these two millions suffice for Tso Tsung-tang; especially now, when affairs in the West at the Kokonor have assumed such a threatening aspect?

General Kaufmann has not only protested against, but threatens to resist by force any occupation of Yarkand by the Chinese. This is the reason why Chung-how suddenly hurries his departure for St. Petersburg; he will leave us in about a fortnight, and will take the route, not via Siberia as was formerly contemplated, but by the safest and quickest line via Shanghai per mail steamer. —*Shanghai Courier.*

Mails.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND
PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th September, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *SINDH*, Commandant BAUER, with MAIIS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 27th September, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,
Agent.

Hongkong, September 17, 1878. col 23

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched to San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 1st October, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 30th September. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, September 11, 1878. col 1



STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MED-
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-
AMPTON, AND LONDON, VIA
BOMBAY,

ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship "HINDOSTAN," Captain N. W. HAZELWOOD, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 10th October, at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, September 23, 1878. col 10

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer CITY OF TOKIO will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 15th October, at Noon, taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports Mexico, Central and South America by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all spans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. of 16th October. Parcel Packages will be received at the offices until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 2, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 20, 1878. col 18

To Let.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES in Club Circuit, The BUNGALOW, No. 2, Shelley Street.

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DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
Hongkong, September 10, 1878.

To Let.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

House No. 7, Caine Road, at present occupied by The Hon. CECIL SMITH.

DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,
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FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or together, as required, with immediate possession.

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Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

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OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

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(In English and Chinese.)

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Hongkong, October 27, 1878.

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